

AN APPEAL TO MCKINLEY

Bourke Cochran Makes An Eloquent Plea for the Boers.

PROPOSES INTERVENTION

Says War in the Transvaal Would Start a Conflagration Throughout Christendom.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Ex-Congressman W. Bourke Cochran has written the following open letter to President McKinley about the Transvaal: "You will, I am sure, excuse this invasion of your holiday, when I explain that its object is to invoke the exercise of a power which providence seems to have placed in your hands with special reference to a danger now threatening the peace of the world. It can hardly be questioned that a proffer of friendly mediation or you would suffice to delay, if not prevent, the threatened invasion of the Transvaal. If this government is justified in exciting military force to restore order at the other side of the globe, surely it should exert every moral force to preserve order at half that distance. A recourse to arms which might result in kindling a fearfully destructive conflagration through out Christendom on such questions as those at issue between Great Britain and the Boer republic would be an injury to civilized society which all the forces of civilization should combine to resist. The assertion at the point of the bayonet by one power of a right to control or prescribe the conditions governing the electoral franchise in another country, admittedly independent, would be an act of 'criminal aggression,' the enormity of which has been described in clear, vigorous and scathing terms, by the present English colonial secretary. You cannot be indifferent to the fact that when Mr. Chamberlain denounced as indefensible any suggestion of interference by the British government in the purely domestic affairs of the Transvaal, the relations between this country and England were strained over the Venezuelan boundary, while now that these relations have become cordial, the same statesman feels emboldened to trample upon his professions, if not to violate his principles. "An Anglo-American alliance can hardly be forceful in the maintenance of justice and the spread of civilization, as its advocates contend, if England's foreign policy be marked by respect for justice while the two countries are estranged and by wanton acts of aggression while their relations are cordial. It is not extravagant or unreasonable to insist that any country seeking alliance with the United States must have some semblance of regard for the moral law, at least during the period of courtship. "If there be other and sounder reasons than those assigned by the press for the attitude of the British government in South America, its position will be strengthened by a disclosure of them. A friendly, but urgent tender of your good offices would undoubtedly evoke a full and complete statement of the grounds on which the peace and integrity of the Transvaal are threatened. Such a statement would be a powerful obstacle to hostilities, for it would enable the civilized world to form a judgment on the merits of the controversy and in all probability that judgment would in favor of the Boers. Public opinion is a force which these days no nation can disregard. Allow me to add that these suggestions are offered solely from a regard for the welfare of humanity and the true glory of our flag, which I hope will remain forever inseparable."

VANDERBILT'S WILL The Estate is Valued at Over One Hundred Million. NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Cornelius Vanderbilt, who has been the shadow of death for several years, and who was one of the most methodical of men, left a carefully drawn will, but its terms are not known. His friends think it will make provision for the charity in which he was interested.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The American Jewish year-book just issued estimates the Jewish population of the United States at 1,684,800. New York has 499,000; Illinois 95,000; Pennsylvania 35,000 and Missouri 35,000.

Small Annoyances fret and worry one. Sour milk overnight; no milkman in the morning; no cream for the coffee; no milk for the baby. Gail Borden Eagle Brand CONDENSED MILK is always available. Has stood first for forty years.

No estimate of the estate's value is less than \$100,000,000. There had been a reconciliation between Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. and his parents, who opposed his marriage with Miss Grace Wilson, and it is doubtful if discrimination will be made against him. On the death of Cornelius Vanderbilt, his brother, William K., becomes head of the family, and made arrangements for the funeral and will see to the probating of the will. Mr. Vanderbilt's death will force the retirement of the large Vanderbilt family from any participation in the social doings of the fashionable world for some time to come, and will also close to the members of the gay world several of the largest mansions in New York.

THE LOSS OF THE ILL-FATED SCHOONER JESSE First Authentic News of the Disaster Brought to Seattle by Dr. Romig of the Moravian Mission.

ST. MICHAEL, Alaska, Aug. 21, via Seattle, Sept. 12.—The first authentic news of the disaster to the Jesse party, which occurred at the mouth of the Kuskowim in June, 1898, and in which 14 people lost their lives, has been brought here by Dr. Romig, of the Moravian mission at Bethel. Dr. Romig had with him many articles taken off the bodies of unfortunates washed ashore at the different points. Of these one was identified as Jesse. Six bodies are reported to have been found. J. T. Murphy of Frankfort, Ky. Another body is thought to be that of Rev. E. L. Weber, Moravian missionary, who was acting as guide for the Jesse Expedition. Dr. Romig scouted the theory that the party was murdered by Indians. The bodies found showed no trace of violence. He says the Kuskowim Indians have no murderous trait in their character.

MR. REED'S SARCASTIC He Thinks \$40,000 a Day a High Price for Conquering the Filipinos.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—A special to the Tribune from Portland, Me., says: "In a railroad train last night Theodore Reed took part in a discussion with two Portland men and plainly expressed his sentiment in regard to the war in the Philippines. One of his friends with him, who is a radical expansionist, remarked that to withdraw our humiliation the nation before the world. Mr. Reed replied: "You don't think those Filipinos would chase our soldiers seven thousand miles if they were to start for home do you?"

CAPE NOME DISTRICT IS PANNING OUT WELL. Forty Miners Arrive at Seattle With Gold Dust—A Good Cleanup is Expected.

SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—Six hundred thousand dollars in gold dust arrived here this afternoon from Alaska on the steamer Charles Nelson. Four hundred thousand was consigned to the North American Trading and Transportation Company. It came from Dawson. Two hundred thousand came from Cape Nome. It was the property of forty miners from that district.

ORDERED TO VANCOUVER. VANCOUVER, Sept. 12.—Captains Percy Willis and Elmer O. Warrick, of the Forty-fifth infantry, United States volunteers, who has been on recruiting duty in Portland, were ordered to proceed to Vancouver barracks for duty with two companies of that regiment to be organized from recruits of this post.

THE SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST. Yesterday was a gala day for the army of subscription workers, whom the bright weather brought out in force. The contest is on in earnest, to judge from the results which are attending the more industrious of the juveniles. The Astorian can only hope that the best may win, and it will continue to contribute its efforts to this end by making the paper better as the race grows older.

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Prize 1.—The boy or girl under 12 years of age sending in the largest number of monthly or yearly subscribers to the Daily Astorian during the months of September and October will be entitled to a choice of the best grade of 140 Rambler bicycles. This prize is contributed by the Columbia Electrical & Repair Company.

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